GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3380
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MODEL POLICE ACT
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Model Police Act is likely to be enacted by the Government;

(b) if so,whether the views of the State Governments/UnionTerritory Administrations have been received by the Government in this matter;

(c) if so,the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) whether a large number of police officers have been found to be involved in corruption cases during each of the last three years and the current year;and

(e) if so,whether the said Model Police Act has penal provisions covering corruption amongst police officers and action to be taken against police officials who implicate the innocent persons in false cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a) to (e): An expert Committee to draft a new Model Police Act was set up in September,2005 by Ministry of Home Affairs.In order to obtain a wider participation and useful inputs from all Sections of the Society,an advertisement was inserted in the leading newspapers all over the country about the constitution of the Committee and suggestions/inputs were sought.A web page was opened in Ministry of Home Affairs web site. Further, Bureau of Police Research and Development undertook a survey of opinion of service police officers from States as well as from those of the Central Police Organisations and made available the feed back to the Committee.The Committee also had interaction with eminent personalities and experts from different fields.All these inputs were duly considered by the Committee.The Committee submitted a model Police Act on 30th October, 2006 which inter-alia included key recommendations like creation of a State Police Board,Security of tenure for the Director General of Police,functional autonomy,accountability paramount both for their performance and conduct,improved service conditions,etc.The Model Police Act was sent to all States,for consideration and appropriate action as 'Police' is a state subject.At present there is no proposal before the Government for "enactment" of the Model Police Act.